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SUBJ: WTDR/FTI: SAHA UNION CORP. LTD.
(REQUESTED AS: SAHA UNION)

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1. THAILAND

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5. SAHA UNION CORP.LTD.

6. 32/2 SOI CHANTIMA, LARD PRAO ROAD

7. BANGKOK

8. CONTACT: DR. AMNUAY VIRAVAN

9. TITLE: CHAIRMAN

OTHER OFFICIALS ARE: MR. DAMRI DARAKANANDA, PRESIDENT
AND MR. SUMETH DARAKANANDA, VICE PRESIDENT.

10. PHONE: 3777411 11. TELEX: SAHAUNI TH 2928

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12. CABLE: SAHAUNI

13. ESTBL: 1972 14. EMPL: 300 15. SIZE: LARGE

16. REPUTATION: Y-EXCELLENT 17. RPT DATE: 05/78

OFFICE USE: 18. K 19. NA 20. X 21. NA 22. NA

23A. 67110 HOLDING FIRM
23B. 51520/5 IMP. OF COTTON
23C. 28240/5 IMP. OF ACRYLIC FIBER
23D. 22820/5 IMP. OF RAYON FILAMENT
23E. 22950/5 IMP. OF POLYESTER RESIN
23F. 22600/M OF FABRICS AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS
23G. 22990/M OF GARMENT ACCESSORIES

24. FOREIGN SALES: SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, JAPAN, SRI LANKA, SAUDI ARABIA, W.GERMANY, FINLAND AND U.S.

25. FINANCIAL REFS: BANGKOK BANK LTD., 9 PLAPPLACHAI ROAD, BANGKOK; THAI FARMERS BANK LTD., 142 SILOM ROAD, BANGKOK ; THAI DANU BANK LTD., 393 SILOM ROAD, BANGKOK, THAILAND.

26. TRADE REF: AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL BANKING, AMERICAN EXPRESS PLAZA, N.Y. 10004.

27. FOREIGN FIRM REPRESENTED: NA

28. POST EVALUATION: SAHA UNION CORP. LTD. WAS INCORPORATED IN 1972 WITH AN AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF \$1,500,000, LATER INCREASED TO \$7,500,000 TO ACT AS THE CO-ORDINATING COMPANY FOR ITS 32 SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES IN FINANCING, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, PLANNING, RESEARCH AND SALES. SAHA UNION
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BECAME A PUBLIC COMPANY IN 1975. SAHA UNION IMPORTS COTTON, ACRYLIC FIBER, RAYON FILAMENT AND POLYESTER RESIN. IT SELLS AND EXPORTS FABRICS, TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND GARMENT ACCESSORIES MANUFACTURED LOCALLY BY ITS ASSOCIATED COMPANIES. MOST OF ITS IMPORTS ARE FROM THE U.S. WITH THE REMAINDER FROM JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ITS OWNS THREE LOCATIONS OF ABOUT 160,000 SQ.METERS WHERE ALL COMPANIES IN THE GROUP ARE LOCATED. SAHA UNION'S SALES VOLUME IN 1977 WAS REPORTED TO BE \$19,930,000 REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 14.4 PERCENT OVER THE FIGURE REPORTED IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT IN 1976. SAHA UNION IS MANAGED BY DR. AMNUAY VIRAVAN, FORMER UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN, AND IS UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF MR. DAMRI DARAKANANDA, A WELL-KNOWN INVESTOR. THE DARAKANANDA FAMILY HOLDS THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUP'S EQUITY. LOCAL BANKS REPORT FAVORABLY ON THE SUBJECT; IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXCELLENT TRADE CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

29. PREP: SATHIT/SOMSAK APPR: JAMES H. SAVERY
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